

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
AT SEATTLE

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,)
) CASE NO. MJ23-0547-SKV
Plaintiff,)
)
v.)
) DETENTION ORDER
PAUL DESMARAIS,)
)
Defendant.)
_____)

Offenses charged:

1. Coercion and Enticement
2. Transfer of Obscene Material to a Minor

Date of Detention Hearing: November 15, 2023.

The Court, having conducted a detention hearing pursuant to 18 U.S.C. §3142(f) and based upon the factual findings and statement of reasons for detention hereafter set forth, finds that no condition or combination of conditions which defendant can meet will reasonably assure the appearance of defendant as required and the safety of other persons and the community.

FINDINGS OF FACT AND STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR DETENTION

1. Defendant has been charged with violations of 18 U.S.C. § 2242 and 1470. There is therefore a rebuttable presumption against defendant as to both dangerousness and flight risk, under 18 U.S.C. § 3142(e). Defendant is alleged to have communicated with both an undercover officer and with a minor victim for the purposes of obtaining child pornography.

2. Defendant poses a risk of flight because he is a citizen of Canada and has no ties to this District or the charging District. Defendant is a danger to the community based on the nature of the alleged offenses and that danger cannot be mitigated because defendant cannot be supervised while living in Canada.

3. There does not appear to be any condition or combination of conditions that will reasonably assure the defendant's appearance at future Court hearings while addressing the danger to other persons or the community.

It is therefore ORDERED:

1. Defendant shall be detained pending transfer to the District of Columbia, and committed to the custody of the Attorney General for confinement in a correction facility;
2. Defendant shall be afforded reasonable opportunity for private consultation with counsel;
3. On order of the United States or on request of an attorney for the Government, the person in charge of the corrections facility in which defendant is confined shall deliver the defendant to a United States Marshal for the purpose of an appearance in connection with a court proceeding; and
4. The Clerk shall direct copies of this Order to counsel for the United States, to counsel for the defendant, to the United States Marshal, and to the United State Probation Services

01 Officer.

02 DATED this 15th day of November, 2023.

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04 S. KATE VAUGHAN
05 United States Magistrate Judge
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